

MAHARASHTRA PROHIBITION OF RAGGING ACT, 1999¹

MAHARASHTRA ACT NO. XXXIII OF 1999

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An Act to prohibit ragging in educational institutions in the State of Maharashtra.

WHEREAS it is expedient to enact a special law to prohibit ragging in educational institutions in the State of Maharashtra; It is hereby enacted in the Fiftieth Year of the Republic of India as follows :-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Maharashtra Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1999.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, appoint.

2. Definitions.- In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- (a) "educational institution" means and includes a college, or other institution by whatever name called, carrying on the activity or imparting education therein (either exclusively or among other activities); and includes an orphanage or a boarding home or hostel or a tutorial institution or any other premises attached thereto;
- (b) "head of the educational institution" means the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dean of Medical Faculty, Director of the Institution or the Principal, Headmaster or the person responsible for the management of the educational institution;
- (c) "ragging" means display of disorderly conduct, doing of any act which causes or is likely to cause physical or psychological harm or raise apprehension or fear or shame or embarrassment to a student in any educational institution and includes -
 - (i) teasing, abusing, threatening or playing practical jokes on, or causing hurt to, such student; or
 - (ii) asking a student to do any act or perform something which such student will not, in the ordinary course, willingly, do.

3. Prohibition of ragging.- Ragging within or outside of any educational institution is prohibited.

4. Penalty for ragging.- Whoever directly or indirectly commits, participates in, abets or propagates ragging within or outside any educational institution, shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years and shall also be liable to a fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees.

1. M. G. G. dated 15.5.1999Pt. VIII, p. 666.

5. Dismissal of student.- Any student convicted of an offence under section 4 shall be dismissed from the educational institution and such student shall not be admitted in any other educational institution for a period of five years from the date of order of such dismissal.

6. Suspension of student.- (1) Whenever any student or, as the case may be, the parent or guardian, or a teacher of an educational institution complains, in writing, of ragging to the head of the educational institution, the head of that educational institution shall, without prejudice to the foregoing provisions, within seven days of the receipt of the complaint, enquire into the matter mentioned in the complaint and if, *prima facie*, it is found true, suspend the student who is accused of the offence, and shall, immediately forward the complaint to the police station having jurisdiction over the area in which the educational institution is situated, for further action.

(2) Where, on enquiry by the head of the educational institution, it is proved that there is no substance, *prima facie*, in the complaint received under sub-section (1), he shall intimate the fact, in writing, to the complainant.

(3) The decision of the head of the educational institution that the student has indulged in ragging under sub-section (1), shall be final.

7. Deemed abatement.- If the head of the educational institution fails or neglects to take action in the manner specified in section 6 when a complaint of ragging is made, such person shall be deemed to have abetted the offence of ragging and shall, on conviction, be punished as provided for in section 4.

8. Power to make rules.- (1) The State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, make rules for carrying out all or any of the purposes of this Act.

(2) Every rule made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be, after it is made, before each House of the State Legislature, while it is in session for a total period of thirty days, which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rules or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, and notify such decision in the *Official Gazette*, the rule shall, from the date of publication of such notification, have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done or omitted to be done under that rule.

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Grievances and Redressal Mechanism – (2024-25)

The Grievance and Redressal Cell desires to promote and maintain a conducive and unprejudiced environment for its stakeholders, which attends to the grievances and complaints registered by anyone with regard to the activities of the Institution, and in particular, those made by students. The Cell ensures effective solution to the grievances, using a fair approach.

The Grievance and Redressal Cell enables the students to express their grievances by initiating and following the grievance procedure in accordance with the rules and regulations of the College. The cell meets periodically, examines the nature and pattern of the grievances and redresses it accordingly.

Objectives-

1. To develop an organizational framework to resolve grievances of the students and other stakeholders.
2. To ensure effective solution to the stakeholder's grievances with an impartial and fair approach.
3. To investigate the reason of dissatisfaction. To enlighten the students on their duties and responsibilities.

Grievance and Redressal Cell Composition

1. **Principal-** Dr. Sudhir Chavan
2. **HOD –** Dr. Shobhan Kelkar
3. **Grievance and Redressal Coordinator-** Dr. Ravindra Rahigude
4. **Member-** Ar. Yogita Pandit
5. **Member-** Er. Padmaja Patankar
6. **Non-teaching Staff Member-** Mr. Rajendra Raut
7. **Student-** Isha Rayrikar

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Functions of the Grievance and Redressal Cell

1. Provides information about the Cell's objectives and mode of operation through the website and handbook.
2. Informs students of the process for registering of grievances in the Induction Programs.
3. Acknowledges and analyses the grievances.
4. Seeks a solution through decision-making process.
5. Reports the grievances and records how they were redressed.
6. The procedures made known through the Hand-book, given to each student at the beginning of every academic year, and also in the Value Education classes taken by the Class-in Charge teachers. Procedures The Grievance and Redressal Cell shall receive and redress the grievances of the following

issues:

- Academic issues pertaining to teaching, learning and evaluation activities.
 - Student-teacher, student-student grievances.
 - Grievances related to library.
 - Grievances related to sports, cultural.
1. The grievances shall be redressed depending on the nature of the grievance. The Grievances are invited through suggestion boxes provided in each floor of the building.
 2. Department level counselling is offered where the matter can be resolved.
 3. Grievances pertaining to academic and internal evaluation shall be redressed at individual/faculty /HOD/principal level.
 4. For other grievances that require review shall be redressed by receiving written and signed application.
 5. As soon as the application is received the Redressal Committee shall review the complaint and invites both the parties for discussion. The outcome of the discussion is reported to the principal for further action to be taken.

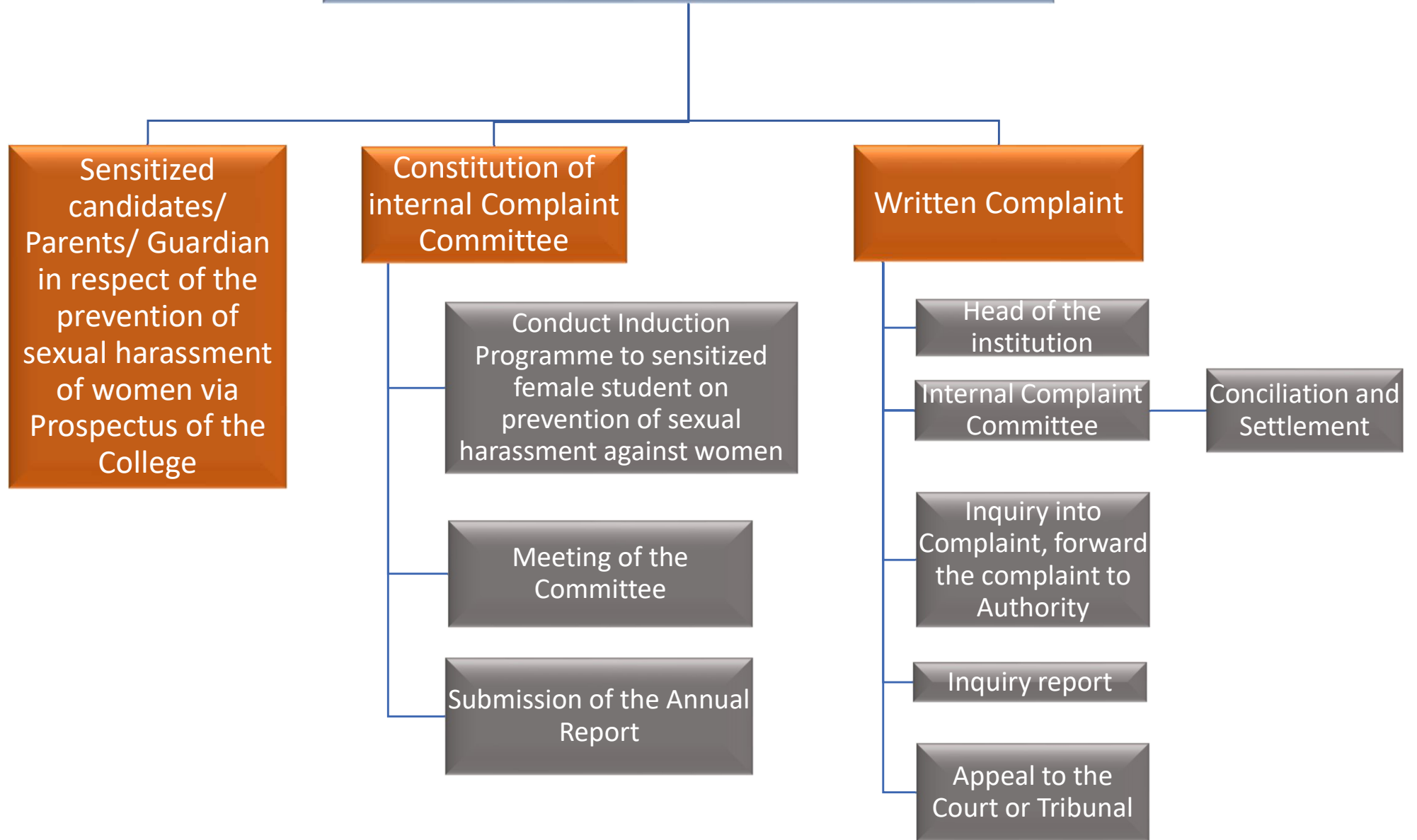
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Redressal of Grievances

The grievances are redressed at the earliest by issuing warning letter, memo and reformation remedies. Priority is given according to the urgency of the complaint. In all cases the aggrieved is informed of the measures taken. Checks in the system are introduced to ensure there is no repetition of the same complaint.

Sexual Harassment Grievance Mechanism



Grievance Redressal Mechanism

